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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

29 JUL 1976

SUBJECT : New Department of Defense Investigative
and Clearance Policy

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. By memorandum dated 3 May 1976, Deputy Secretary of Defense Ellsworth established new guidelines for the Department of Defense Personnel Security Investigation and Clearance Program. These guidelines were originally proposed to offset reduction in Department of Defense investigation resources as the result of DOD budget curtailment. The major impact of this memorandum and implementing instructions by the Defense Investigative Service, dated 24 June 1976, is to reduce the number and scope of Defense Investigative Service investigations.

3. As a result of the new Department of Defense policy, military personnel may now be granted a Top Secret clearance on the basis of a favorable National Agency Name Check plus ten years of continuous honorable service. (This does not involve access to sensitive compartmented information and DOD is complying with DCID 1/14, dated 13 May 1976.)

4. The new Department of Defense investigative guidelines, which became effective 6 July 1976, now limit the background investigation required for a Top Secret clearance for civilian employees and military who do not have the ten years of continuous honorable service referred to above to a five-year investigation. Prior to 6 July 1976, a 15-year

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background investigation was conducted for a final Top Secret clearance and the investigation would also have to meet substantially the same requirements that CIA operates under today as set forth in Executive Order 10450.

5. I am very concerned about this development and do not believe CIA can honor security clearances granted by Department of Defense based on such reduced standards.

6. At my request, a meeting of the DCI Security Committee has been scheduled for 3 August 1976 to discuss the new draft EO 10450 and the matter referred to above. It is my hope that the meeting will produce an agreement to pursue an equitable solution through the Security Committee mechanism. You will be advised of developments.

Robert W. Gambino

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